GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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UNCOVERED AREAS OF WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in West Bengal, where telecast and broadcast facilities of Doordarshan and Akashvani have not been made available so far ;

(b) whether the Government proposed to provide telecast/ broadcast facilities in such places, particularly in North Bengal sector of West Bengal; and

(c) if so, the details of places identified for this purpose and the steps taken/ being taken by the Govt. to provide these facilities expeditiously?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (c) Whereas entire West Bengal is covered by Radio signal, TV coverage is presently estimated to be available to about 96.2% population of the state (including the population in fringe areas). Further expansion of Radio and TV coverage in West Bengal includes installation of 10 KW FM Tr. & studio at Siliguri, Local Radio Station with 3 KW FM Tr.& MP Studios at Shantiniketan, Relay Centre with 10 KW FM Tr.at Darjeeling and HPTs at Balurghat, Krishnanagar, Kharagpur, Shantiniketan, Asansoland an LPT at Jhalda. Out of these, projects at Siliguri , Balurghat and Darjeeling fall in North Bengal Region.All steps are being taken to ensure timely completion of the projects.